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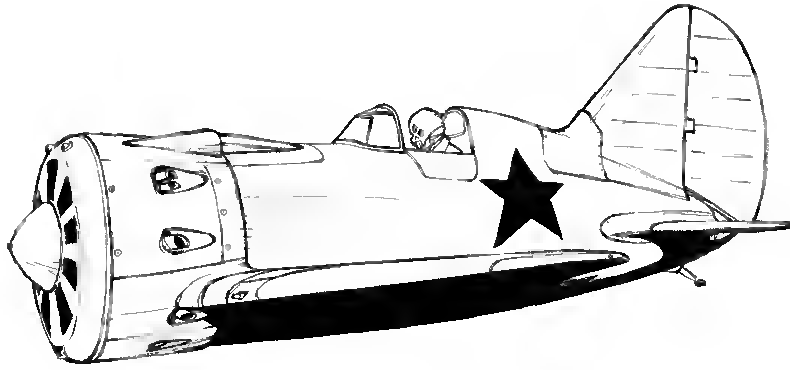

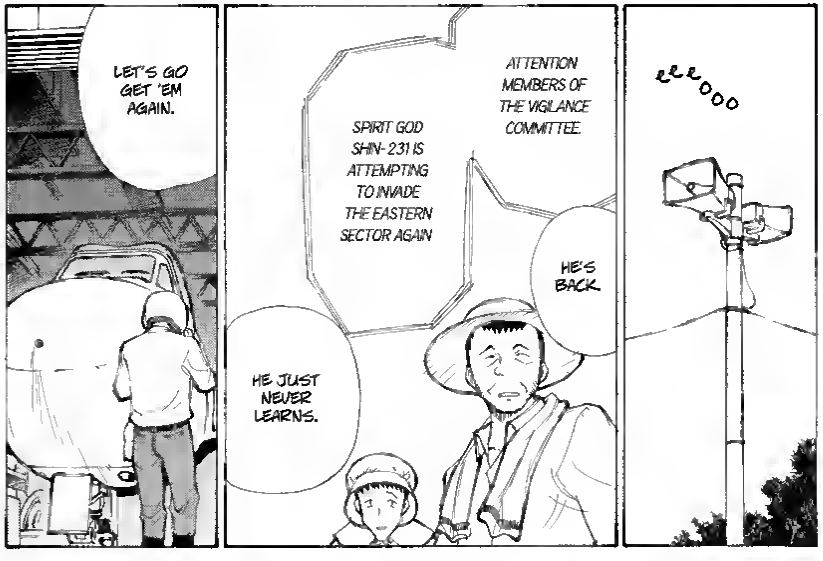
LET'S GO GET 'EM AGAIN.
ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.
SPIRIT GOD SHIN-231 IS ATTEMPTING TO INVADE THE EASTERN SECTOR AGAIN
HE'S BACK.
HE JUST NEVER LEARNS.
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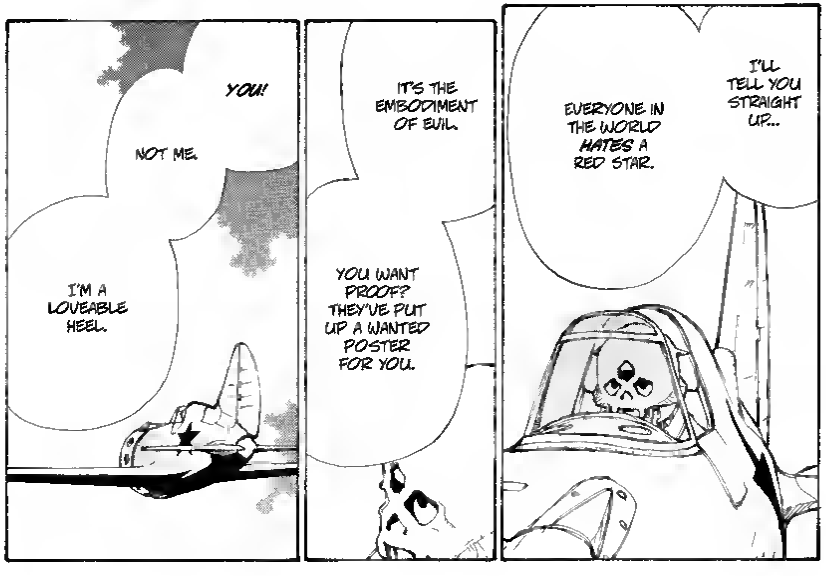
YOU!
NOT ME.
I'M A LOVEABLE HEEL.
IT'S THE EMBODIMENT OF EVIL.
YOU WANT PROOF? THEY'VE PUT UP A WANTED POSTER FOR YOU.
I'LL TELL YOU STRAIGHT UP...
EVERYONE IN THE WORLD HATES A RED STAR.

THERE ARE NO OTHER FLYING OBJECTS WITHIN THE SPECIFIED AREA.
ROGER.
CLOUD DENSITY IS 5 OCTAS.
LOOKS LIKE IT'LL TAKE TIME TO FIND HIM.
OR NOT.
THERE HE IS.
IF THERE'S NOBODY ELSE FLYING AROUND HERE THEN I GUESS THERE'S NO NEED FOR VISUAL CONFIRMATION.
GIVEN THE SITUATION, IT'S BETTER TO GET THE FIRST HIT ANYWAY.
ALL RIGHT!
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I SEE HIM.
THERE'S STILL A BIT OF DISTANCE BETWEEN US, THOUGH.
WELL, NO PROBLEM!
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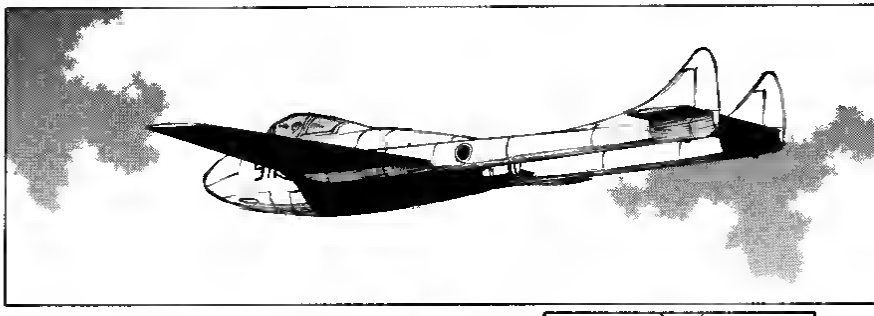
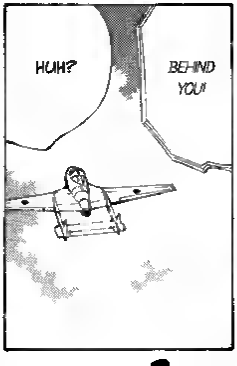
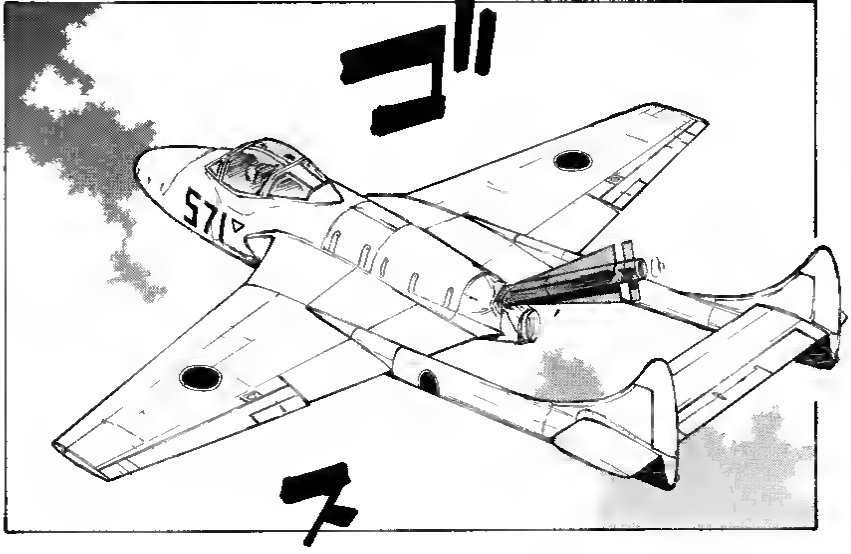



HUH?
BEHIND YOU!

SOMETHING'S OFF.
DID I HIT HIM?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I'M HIT!
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ALERT THE FIRE BRIGADE!
818 HAS BEEN HIT!

WHAT IS THAT?

AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT IS CURRENTLY ON ITS WAY IN
THIS IS A CITYWIDE WARNING!
BUT I HAVE SPIRIT USER SCHOOL TODAY...
I SURE HOPE IT'S NOT A GOD.
YUP. THAT'S OUR JOB.
WILL WE HAVE TO GET INVOLVED IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE A GOD?
MAYBE. IT'S NOT LIKE A FOREIGN ARMY TO DO SOMETHING THIS CARELESS, THOUGH.
THIS IS A JOB FOR THE ARMY, RIGHT?
WHAT'S THAT?
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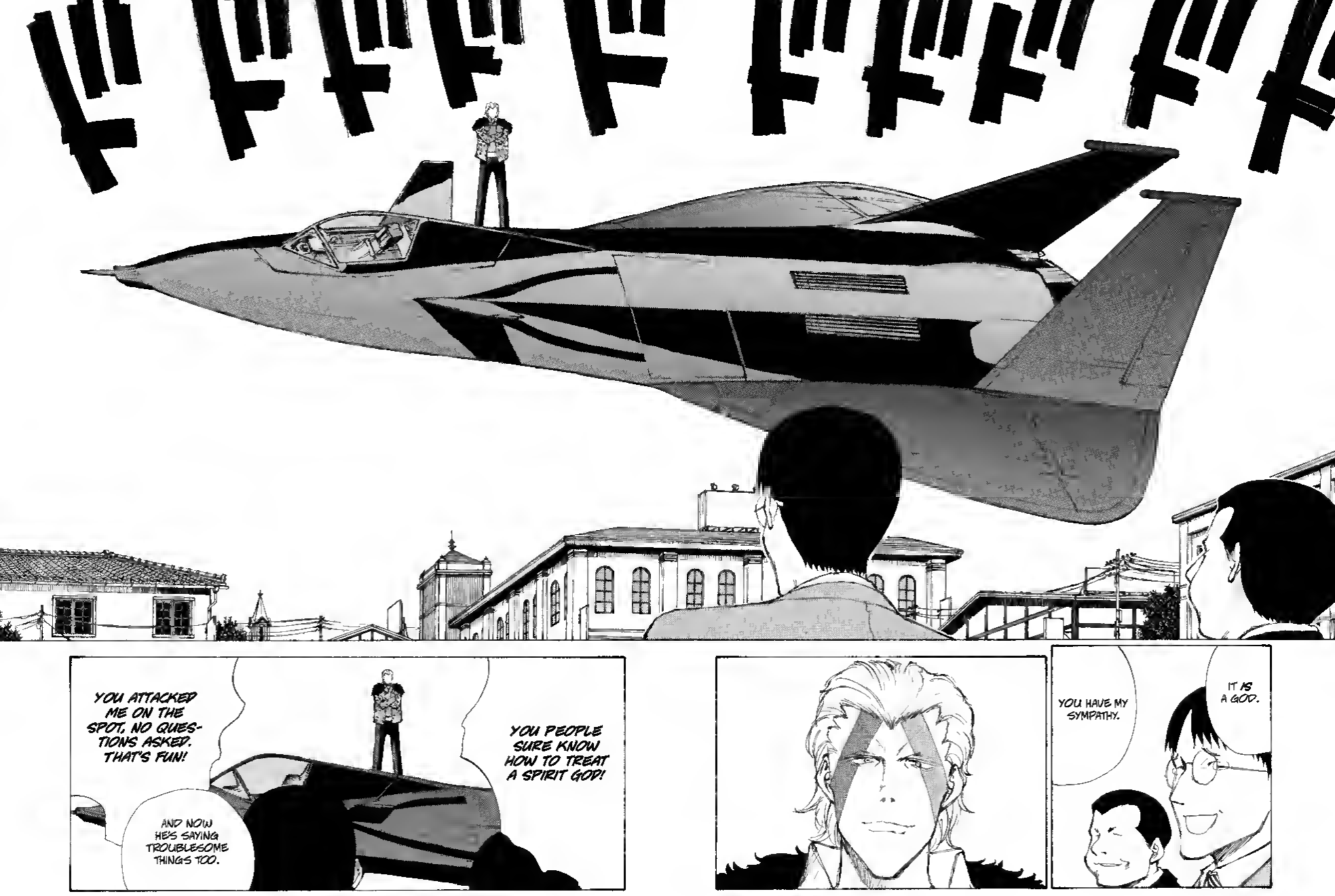
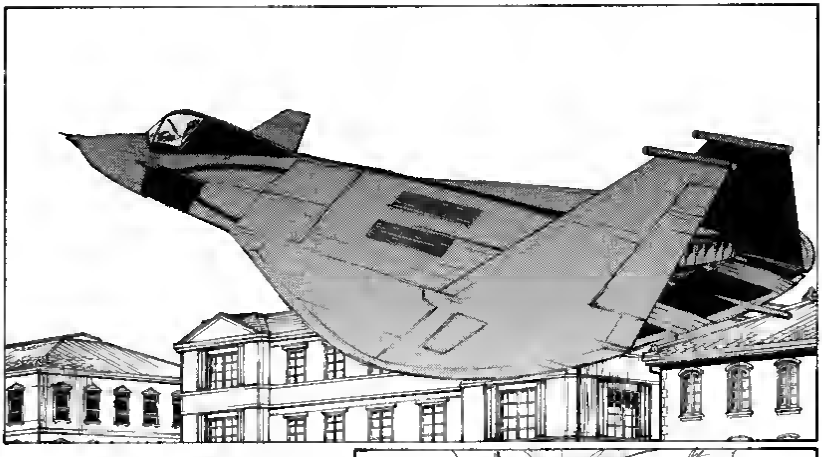

YOU ATTACKED ME ON THE SPOT. NO QUESTIONS ASKED. THAT'S FUN!
AND NOW HE'S SAYING TROUBLESOME THINGS TOO.
YOU PEOPLE SURE KNOW HOW TO TREAT A SPIRIT GOD!
YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY.
IT IS A GOD.

I HEARD ONE OF MY KIND MANIFESTED IN THIS AREA RECENTLY.
YEAH!
MAY WE ASK WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE TODAY?
WE'D BETTER GET MISS ERANKSTON OVER HERE. GO CALL HER.
SO I THOUGHT I'D COME OVER AND SAY HI!
HE'S TALKING ABOUT ARAKUMO.
THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG.
I'LL WAIT!
I'M SORRY, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS RIGHT NOW...

HUMAN LIFE IS SHORT. YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE FUN!
WHAT KIND OF COUNTRY IS HE FROM?
WAIT, WE DON'T CLOSE AT THREE.
IT'S OKAY. I'LL WAIT TILL YOU GET OFF WORK AT THREE.
HUH?
MIND IF I BORROW THAT YOUNG LADY OVER THERE?
SO...
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE TEA WITH ME?
I'M AFRAID I'M STILL ON DUTY...
YOUTH IS FLEETING.
WHAT DO YOU SAY, BEAUTIFUL LADY?

SHE'S PROBABLY ROAMING AROUND SOMEWHERE AGAIN.
WE CAN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH MISS ERANKSTON.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A BAD GOD, THOUGH.
I MADE THE INQUIRIES. AS I THOUGHT, HE'S A SPIRIT GOD FROM AQUILA.
I'M A TOP-SECRET STATE-OF-THE-ART STEALTH CRAFT!
WHAT ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT? THERE'S NO WAY I'D EVER SHOW UP ON RADAR!
WE THOUGHT WE SPOTTED HIM ON THE RADAR IN AREA J, BUT MAYBE WE MIXED HIM UP WITH THIS GOD.
THERE'S NO SIGN OF ARAKUMO EITHER.
ITALERI COMPANY PUT THEIR PRESTIGE ON THE LINE TO DEVELOP ME IN ABSOLUTE SECRECY...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
WHAT?!
NO, WE GOT YOU PERFECTLY.



HEY!
I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST TO SEE HIM.
NOW WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THAT GUY WHO'S LIKE ME?

TIME'S UP.
TOO BAD.

I NEED MORE OF THESE WANTED POSTERS FOR OL' EMPTY-EYE'S PLANE!

OHHH...
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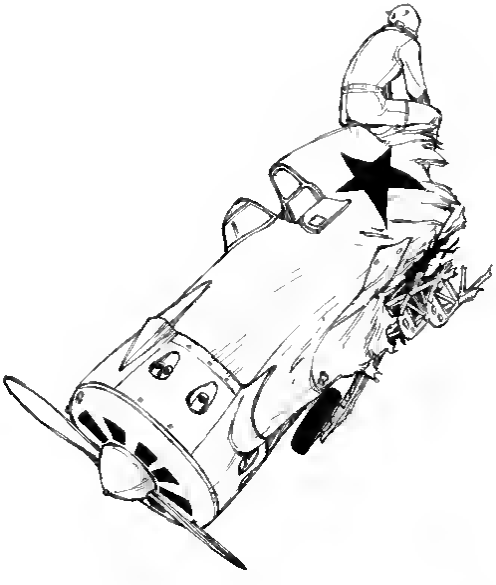
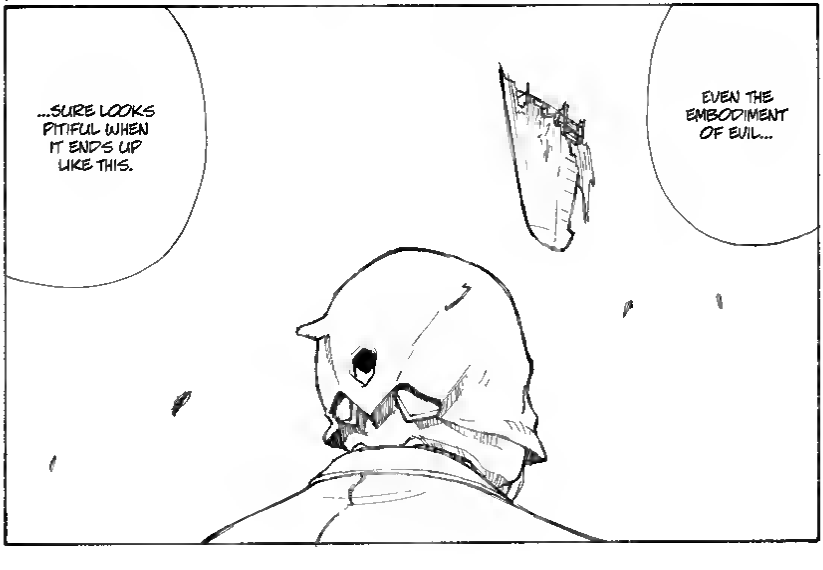
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR WAVING SOMETHING LIKE THAT AROUND.
WHAT THE HELL, MAN?! YOU LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, HUH?!
OH, LIKE I CARE! YOU'VE GOTTA BE CRAZY!
RED STARS ARE THE EMBODIMENT OF EVIL.
I ATTACK ANYTHING WITH A RED STAR, NO QUESTIONS ASKED.




...SURE LOOKS PITIFUL WHEN IT ENDS UP LIKE THIS.
EVEN THE EMBODIMENT OF EVIL...